



**GOD LOVERS & PEOPLE HATERS**  
**AND OTHER THINGS THAT DON'T GO TOGETHER.**

Jesus was hated and rejected  
by the religious of his day  
because he loved and accepted  
the irreligious of his day.

What's most important to God?

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People

The greatest law of  
God is to love people.

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It is always unlawful  
to be unloving.

**The greatest confirmation and demonstration of our faith in God is our love for people.**

**When you misinterpret Scripture,  
you end up misrepresenting God  
and mistreating people.**

**When you misunderstand sin,  
you eventually mistreat sinners.**



Then some Pharisees and  
teachers of the law came to  
Jesus **from Jerusalem** and  
asked,

**Matthew 15:1 NIV**

“Why do your disciples break the **tradition of the elders**? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

**Matthew 15:2 NIV**

Jesus replied, “And why do you break the **command of God** for the sake of your tradition?”

Matthew 15:3 NIV

For **God said**, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'

**Matthew 15:4 NIV**

But **you say** that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,'

**Matthew 15:5 NIV**

they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

**Matthew 15:6 NIV**

**They had a theology that allowed them to dishonor & un-love people.**

You hypocrites!

**Matthew 15:7 NIV**



You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:  
“ ‘These people honor me with their **lips**, but their **hearts** are far from me.

**Matthew 15:7-8 NIV**

They worship me **in vain**; their teachings are merely human rules.”

**Matthew 15:9 NIV**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

**Matthew 15:10-11 NIV**

Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were **offended** when they heard this?”

**Matthew 15:12 NIV**

“Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?”

**Matthew 15:17 NIV**

But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the **heart**, and these defile them.

**Matthew 15:18 NIV**

For out of the **heart** come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

**Matthew 15:19-20 NIV**

**Jesus came to close the distance  
and go the distance to bring those  
far from God back to God.**